

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation. This is clear indication of dangerous and blatant abuse of a public medium to serve the partisan aims of their suitors.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, their corporate interests overshadow those of serving public needs.

Sinclair and all publically supported media need to be held accountable to the high standard of unbiased news presentation. Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.